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LEARN ABOUT A CRUCIAL PROBLEM

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING
November 17, 1990, 10:30 AM
Trenholm Road Methodist Church
Leisure Ministries Building
Room B-117 (Basement)

A panel of authorities representing the Department of Education, Palmetto Legal Services, and the Department of Social Services will enlighten us on the hodge-podge of laws, some of which are contradictory, on the very critical problem of teen pregnancy which has become worse than an epidemic.

This is a follow-up of the October meeting when we hear from 3 professionals working with teens and trying to cope with the problems.

SUBJECT: LEGAL ASPECT OF
TEEN PREGNANCY
YA'LL COME!



FALL CONFERENCE

Our own BARBARA MOXON was the chairperson who planned the program which was very meaningful. Our members who attended were LEAH LOCKHART, MARY WALLACE JOHNSON, MARY JANE MOORE, BEULAH BRAZZELL, TIMI SHORT, SYLVIA SWINTON, THOMASINA BRIGGS, ELNORA ROBINSON, BARBARA MOXON, AND ATTIE MAY.

LAST CALL....

It's Our Turn: Women Influencing Public Policy"

Plan to attend this intriguing statewide conference sponsored by S.C. AAUW with the help of the now 20 supporting groups.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 10th
Place: Humphries Hall, Columbia College
Time: 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

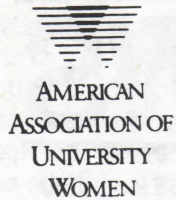
This is part of our Division/Branch Partnership Project to get more women appointed to boards and commissions. You will hear Rep. Candy Waites, Mr. Gene Beckman of the Governor's Staff, and six women who have or are serving on state boards or commissions.

You will learn why we need women, the varieties of boards & commissions and who appoints them, what is involved in serving, and how to get appointed. Then you will discuss with other participants just how we can get more women on key boards which sorely need women NOW.

Registration including lunch is \$8.50. Checks made out to S.C. AAUW should be sent by Nov. 5 to: Rose Stuart, 6136 Hampton Ridge Rd., Columbia, SC 29209. Morning only is \$2.50. For information or late registration, call Barbara Moxon at 787-2786.

The morning speaker, Beth Norris, past president of N.C. AAUW, spoke on "VISIBILITY: MARKETING OUR SUCCESSES". She stated that every member is a part of the image of AAUW. The image we project determines how the community perceives AAUW, the public support available, and whether or not others want to join AAUW. She also stated that we should take credit for what we do and develop relationships with the media that will enable us to get the publicity we deserve.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



THE NEW LOGO! Why do we need a new one? It is part of a concerted effort to make AAUW more visible, and to reflect a more modern image. Surveys of many groups, inside and outside AAUW, revealed that many people viewed AAUW as "dated, social, old, elitist - not exactly the progressive, activist image that will captivate new members and supporters."

We know that AAUW has history of which we can be proud. We know that it is very up-to-date in its goals and special activities. We know that it is open to all, regardless of race, religion, sex, or political leanings. It is "elite" and "social" only to the extent that it is made up of educated people who are interested and committed to improving social conditions.

The clean, open airiness and simple lines overlapping to form a "W" and three triangles provide a logo which leaves no doubt as to the identity of the organization. No More initials! Sharon Schuster, Association President, says, "the new design is part of an effort to present a clear, consistent, forward-looking image of who we are." The "W", of course, is for women; the three distinct triangles stand for the three corporations: American Association of University Women, the Educational Foundation, and the Legal Advocacy Fund. The equidistance of the lines convey the idea of equity. Perhaps YOU can read other interpretations into the new logo.

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BRANCH MEETING

The Branch meeting on Oct. 11 was a great success - very good attendance with several of our new members present. The program was enthusiastically received and generated many pertinent questions. The panel spoke on "Teen Mothers: What is the Problem? What is Being Done About It? What Else Should Be Done?" The panelists, Barbara Mayer, a nurse at C. A. Johnson High School; Mary Catherine Norwood, Superintendent of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School; and Dr. Janice Bacon, a physician with the Teen Clinic at Richland Memorial Hospital, all agreed that it is very important to help the teen mothers stay in school. It is also important to teach them mothering skills and to challenge to provide more opportunities for their children than they had had. Most of the teen mothers respond positively when challenged. They love their babies and want to do what is best for them.

!!MYSTERY TRIP!!

Late word from Lea Weiner is that the MYSTERY TRIP will be in April. More later.

Each of the panelists works with teen mothers. Dr. Bacon deals with medical and social problems of teen pregnancy and child care. Ms. Mayer works with boys and girls in the public school. Ms. Norwood of the Opportunity School provides a day care for the children while the mothers attend school. The center also provides child care training, not only for the teen mothers, but also for others who may want to work in child care. This is a new and very innovative program.

BOARD MEETING

The Branch Board at the meeting of October 2 dealt primarily with revising and updating Branch Policies. However, the EFP Goal was established at \$1000 for 1990-91; many felt that it would be better to set the same goal as last year and try to exceed it than to set a higher goal and have to strain to reach it. Last year the Branch did exceed the goal by \$750 but it was through special contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund charter membership and to the foundation for Gwen Brown's mother.

Notices of other events planned by Gwen Brown for December and February are found elsewhere in the bulletin.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

We are sorry to report that BERNICE HeLAL'S mother died recently. Our prayers and concerns are with Bernice in this time of grief.

LEA WEINER'S aunt, who is more like a mother to her, fell on October 7 and broke her hip. At the time of writing, Lea is with her in New York city. Also, Lea's daughter, who has been sick with cancer for many months is worse. We are sorry to hear that. Lea is drawn to both and is under great stress. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lea and her loved ones.

Word has just come to us that PEG RORISON'S mother died several months back. Peg had spent much of her time in recent years with her mother in Wilmington, N. C. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peg and family in this time of grief.

LAURA TRUELOVE'S picture was in THE STATE on September 30, 1990. She had moved from the Voluntary Action Center as Director to become the Executive Director of the S.C. Literacy Association. Congratulations, Laura! We are proud of you.

WILHELMINA KENNEDY'S husband has been ill. He had to go to the hospital on a Sunday after Church. He is better but still under the care of his doctor.

GWEN BROWN'S husband, LYLE, had surgery on October 17. We hope he has recuperated by now.

Other who should have been thanked for extra help on the reception are CHARLES AND GLADYS BLACKMON and SAM AND BERNICE HeLAL.

Thanks to SARAH DAVIS, notice of our October meeting got into the Richland Northeast. If others saw it elsewhere, please let us know. Sarah works hard to get it out. THE STATE ALSO RAN IT!

WORK GOES ON

GWEN BROWN is selling the stationery and receiving EFP funds while EFP Chair, NEETA SHAH, is traveling in Europe and visiting family in India for two months. Neeta will return early in December. Gwen's address in yearbook.

Thanks to Ellen - ELLEN HEATH has agreed to coordinate the TELEPHONE TREE again this year. She is doing it by zip code so members who live near each other can carpool if they want to.

You might want to know - Refreshments available from the reception in September were taken to Finlay House and provided nice food to make the Bingo Game a more festive affair.

Please keep us informed - when you know of any member who has illness or a death in the family, or any other event that calls for special recognition or concern. THANKS!

NAMED GIFT HONOREES

Honorees from our Branch are LEA WEINER, BARBARA MOXON, and FINLAY HOUSE. We are proud of them and know they deserve the honor. These were announced at the Fall Conference.

Beulah Brazzell will determine an appropriate time and place to present the certificate to Finlay House.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Tuesday, November 6, 8:00 PM at Shandon Methodist Church: MOZART'S REQUIEM and HAYDEN'S TE DEUM. Columbia Choral Society. Gwen Brown sings alto and invites all to attend.

Sunday, December 2, 4:00 PM, at Shandon Methodist Church: HANDEL'S MESSIAH, also by the Columbia Choral Society.

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

LIZ BELL'S telephone number should be 786.

MARGARET (PEG) RORISON'S address in now 460 S. 23rd St., Wilmington, NC 28403

DECEMBER MEETING

December 8, 1990; 10:30 AM at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Trenholm Road. Topic: Problems of Teenage Mothers. One of the speakers will be Joy Perry, Assistant to the Director of The Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. There will be a small party for members after the meeting. Bring gifts suitable for babies. Contact Martha Horowitz at 787-5189 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Everyone interested in joining the International Studies Group on Great Decisions 1991 please contact Jean Lambert 787-0606 or Attie May 782-7312 by November 30th. We hope to start our study in January.

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Deadline for the December Newsletter is Wednesday, November 21, 1990. Send to: Susan Lawton, P.O. Box 21876, Columbia, SC 29221.

ANOTHER SPECIAL

Tuesday, December 4, 5:00 PM. TOUR OF THE HISTORIC HOMES. FREE! Meet Gwen Brown at the Gift Shop beside the Robert Mills House to go together through the beautifully decorated house. This event initiates the Christmas season in the Columbia area. ** Those who wish to go to dinner afterward may go as a group.

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ANOTHER GREAT TRIP TO ABBEVILLE PLANNED

Mark your calendars NOW! February 8, 1991, an overnight THEATER TRIP to see FIDLER ON THE ROOF! For \$60 per person: full course dinner, theater tickets, dessert buffet/social after the theater, lodging and breakfast. On Friday afternoon, a historical tour will cost \$5.00, (optional). Make reservations with Gwen Brown by December 2nd. Payment due prior to the trip.

Invite your friends! The more the merrier! Those who went had GREAT FUN last year! BONUS FOR THE BRANCH: A free night's lodging to be raffled.

!!STATIONERY SALE!!

Our own "Statehouse" stationery is ready for Christmas gifts, personal use, and other gifts. It is beautiful, dignified, and unusually nice. A former member, now deceased, designed it; a printer in Wisconsin holds the design just for us. We recently ordered 100 boxes, and about 25 boxes have already been sold. One member sold 20 or more boxes to her friends. ONLY \$4.00 per box! Plan now to get yours at the branch meeting, or by calling Gwen Brown at 772-0865.

COLUMBIA BRANCH HISTORY

The Columbia Branch was organized in 1923 (one year prior to the beginning of the SC Division).
Mary Elizabeth Newton
Historian



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